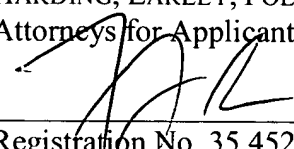


**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments. The amendments are presented to remove multiple dependencies which appear in the original claims. The changes to the claims relative to the first Preliminary Amendment are shown by strike-through text and underlining.

Early action on the case and examination of the pending claims is hereby earnestly solicited.

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